



Wednesday 18th January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) would like to make a request, under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information:

- 1. Please indicate how many reported incidents relating to patient safety were reported in maternity every month during 2016?**

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, relating to patient safety
January 2016	183
February 2016	199
March 2016	194
April 2016	168
May 2016	182
June 2016	208
July 2016	264
August 2016	215
September 2016	192
October 2016	193
November 2016	174
December 2016	163

- 2. Please indicate how many of the reported incidents were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?**

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels
January 2016	<5
February 2016	6
March 2016	<5
April 2016	<5
May 2016	<5
June 2016	10
July 2016	11
August 2016	5
September 2016	7
October 2016	0
November 2016	<5
December 2016	<5

3. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of the severity of the incident.

Please indicate the level of severity of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

Please specify the different levels of severity and add more columns as appropriate.

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

I am unable to answer this as I do not know if staffing was the cause of incidents

	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels		
	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. high risk	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. medium risk	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. low risk
January 2016			
February 2016			
March 2016			
April 2016			
May 2016			
June 2016			
July 2016			
August 2016			
September 2016			
October 2016			
November 2016			
December 2016			

4. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of how likely it is that the incident will occur again. **Again unable to answer as we do not report likelihood of reoccurrence or relate incidents to staffing levels**

Please indicate the likelihood of reoccurrence of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

Please specify the different levels of likelihood of reoccurrence and add more columns as appropriate.

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels		
	Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. high risk	Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. medium risk	Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. low risk
January 2016			
February 2016			
March 2016			
April 2016			
May 2016			
June 2016			
July 2016			
August 2016			
September 2016			
October 2016			
November 2016			
December 2016			

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to hearing within 20 working days.

Please email your acknowledgement and response to Amy.Leversidge@rcm.org.uk . If you prefer to respond by post, please send your acknowledgement and response to: Amy Leversidge, Policy, Employment Relations and Communications, The Royal College of Midwives, 15 Mansfield Street, London W1G 9NH

Yours sincerely



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